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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 3764

PATENT
 Attorney Docket No. 101.0053-00000
 Customer No. 22882

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

#29 / Amended D (NE)

In re Application of:)	
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Gary K. Michelson)	
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Serial No.: 08/480,908)	Group Art Unit: 3764
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Filed: June 7, 1995)	Examiner: M. Brown
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For: THREADED FRUSTO-CONICAL)	
INTERBODY SPINAL FUSION)	
IMPLANTS)	

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
 Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION AND REQUEST
FOR WITHDRAWAL OF IMPROPER FINALITY

In reply to the improper Final Office Action dated July 16, 2001, Paper No. 26,
 please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 120 (both occurrences) without prejudice or disclaimer of
 their subject matter and amend the claims (with the changes as shown in the
 attachment) as follows:

40. (Twice Amended) The spinal fusion implant of claim 39 in which said internal
 chamber is capable of containing fusion promoting material.

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